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Re: Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.,
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

MARTHA S. HOGERTY
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Dear Mr. Caton:

ROBERT F. MANIFOLD
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Enclosed is a copy of NASUCA's nomination to Chairman Hundt. NASUCA has nominated Martha Hogerty to serve as the State Consumer Advocate member on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) I submit Martha Hogerty as NASUCA's nominee for the State Consumer Advocate position on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

NASUCA is an organization of 41 state utility consumer advocates representing 39 states and the District of Columbia. Each of NASUCA's members is authorized by state law to represent utility consumers before state and federal agencies.

Ms. Hogerty's experience and knowledge of telecommunications issues spans a 17 year career. She has extensive experience as both a regulator and as an advocate. She is a former president of NASUCA and currently chairs NASUCA's Telecommunications Committee. Ms. Hogerty serves on the Universal Service Joint Board and because of her involvement with these issues, she is an ideal candidate for the USAC Board.

NASUCA has every confidence that Ms. Hogerty, as the consumer representative, will make every effort to ensure that the new universal service support mechanisms are implemented in a neutral and efficient manner. I have attached her biography for your review.

Thank you for considering NASUCA's nominee. If you need further information, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Irwin A. Popowsky
President NASUCA

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MARTHA S. HOGERTY

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Jefferson City, Missouri

Martha Hogerty has been Missouri Public Counsel since 1989. In that capacity she represents ratepayers of public utilities before the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Courts.

Prior to being appointed Public Counsel, Ms. Hogerty served as the Deputy Chief Hearing Examiner of the Missouri Public Service Commission. During her eight year tenure at the Public Service Commission she presided over the AT&T Divestiture rate case and the cases involving the State's two nuclear power plants.

Ms. Hogerty has actively participated in State and National forums addressing public utility policy issues. She has testified before the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee and served on the Energy and Transportation Task Force of the President's Council on Sustainable Development. She is the Past-President and current Executive Committee member of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) She is currently serving as the Chair of NASUCA's Telecommunications Committee. She was appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan to the Commission on Informational Technology and she serves on the Missouri Public Service Commission's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Task Forces. She also serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities New Mexico State University.

As the consumer advocate serving on the Federal Communication Commission's Joint Board, she has been involved in establishing rules to preserve and advance universal service pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Ms. Hogerty received her J.D. Degree and her B.A. Degree cum laude in Philosophy from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.